Weare Open Space Committee Minutes of June 23, 2009 Final – approved 8-25-09

Members attending: Steve Najjar, George Malette, Pat Myers, Ian McSweeney.

Chairman Najjar called the meeting to order at 7:15 pm.

Minutes of the May 26, 2009 meeting were reviewed. No changes or corrections were found. George made the motion to accept the minutes as written. Ian seconded the motion. All voted to accept the minutes as written.

<u>Hawkes update</u>— Steve gave a brief update on the additional $30\pm$ acre lot that has been acquired by the Hawkes who want to add it to the CE for the original project. Steve reported that it's just a matter of waiting for PLC.

<u>Pope – Melvin Farm</u> – The effort is to protect the prime farm soils in the fields on the front of this property – on Bart Clough Rd. A house lot will be excluded from the protected area leaving less than 20 acres to protect. Currently PLC has \$140,000 in funding from an FRPP grant that will expire in March 2010. This federal money requires a 50% local match. The Popes will donate \$70,000 of the appraised value of the land toward the match leaving another \$70,000 to be found.

Other Land Contacts – Ian reported that he had seen a property listed for sale on Route 149. He called and spoke to the landowner, Priscilla Beudreau. The property is 209 acres at the end of Sawyer Road and includes a house on the property. Ian said Ms Beudreau indicated she would consider subdividing a separate lot for the house. This property is across Rt 149 from a parcel owned by the McLane's who had contacted Steve a while back about their property. Ian will continue to follow up with Ms Beudreau.

There being no further discussion, Pat made the motion to adjourn. George 2^{nd} the motion, all voted yes and the meeting ended at 8:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Myers WOSC Secretary

Cc: Town Clerk, BOS, Merry Rice, WOSC files